



Orange Coast, North Sector
Bolsa Chica / Huntington State Beaches
21601 Pacific Coast Highway
Huntington Beach, CA 92646
714-377-5691

Dear Beach Clean-up Participant,

Thank you for your interest in participating in a beach clean-up!

Every year, thousands of people pick up trash at Bolsa Chica and Huntington State Beaches to help do their part in keeping our beaches and oceans clean! Bolsa Chica and Huntington State Beaches host more clean-ups in a year than any other state park in the California State Park system.

So you would like to participate in a beach clean-up? Here are the steps you will need to take in order to begin reserving a volunteer date for your group.

1. Fill out the BEACH CLEAN-UP RESERVATION REQUEST form. You must fill out this form in its entirety as it lets our staff members know the details of your clean-up.
2. At least 15 days in advance, either mail, fax, or scan a copy of the BEACH CLEAN-UP RESERVATION REQUEST to:

Mail

ATTN: Elizabeth Bailey
Huntington State Beach
21601 Pacific Coast Hwy
Huntington Beach, CA, 92646

Email/Fax

Elizabeth Bailey
Elizabeth.Bailey@parks.ca.gov
714-377-8681

3. Your group will also need to fill out one of our waiver forms that are appropriate for you and turn these in before the day of your volunteer event.
 - A. If you are a group **WITH** liability insurance coverage for ALL your participants, fill out the VOLUNTEER GROUP SERVICES AGREEMENT. This acts as a blanket waiver form that covers all your participants. You will need to provide a proof of accident insurance for each of its participants, provide a roster of all participants, and the group agrees to assume all responsibilities for juveniles.
 - B. If you are a group **WITHOUT** liability insurance coverage for ALL your participants, all of your volunteers OVER 18 need to fill out the SPECIAL PROJECT SIGN IN sheet and all volunteers UNDER 18 need their parent/guardian to fill out the PARENTAL/GUARDIAN PERMISSION form.
4. You must receive a confirmation email from our staff APPROVING your group. After we have received your beach clean-up request, we will approve it and email it back to you as soon as possible. Due to our small volunteer staff, approval time can take up to 9 days. We encourage giving yourself more than the minimum 15 days advance notice. If you do not turn in a request or do not receive an approved request back from us, this

means that we are not able to provide you and your group with free parking or supplies. If you have not heard back from us regarding a request, please call: 714-377-5691.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES REGARDING BEACH CLEAN-UPS

- We allow only 1 clean-up to happen per day, per beach.
- A staff member will be present at your beach clean-up for the 2 hours of volunteer time.

SUPPLIES

- We can provide re-usable bags and gloves to your group which you will need to return at the end of your clean-up.
- We are phasing out plastic clean-up supplies to help us reduce the waste our clean-up efforts are generating.
- We encourage participants to bring re-usable bags and gloves from home such as buckets, garden gloves, plastic grocery bags, old fabric tote bags, cardboard boxes, etc.
- As to what to bring for your group, we encourage: sunscreen, water, hat, tent/EZ-Up, and snacks for the most comfortable clean-up.

SERVICE HOURS/JUVENILES

- Juveniles must be accompanied by an adult. We do not allow unsupervised minors to participate in a beach clean-up alone.
- We can provide anyone who needs service hours with a signed service letter thanking the participant for their volunteer work.

CLEAN-UP TIME FRAME

- We allow clean-ups any day of the week throughout the year except as follows: holidays, special events, and summer weekends (Memorial Day to Labor Day).
- You must volunteer at least 2 hours of clean-up time in order to receive free parking.
- Clean-ups can schedule their clean-up start time anytime between sunrise (provided it's after 6 am) and 2 hours before sunset.
- Park hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. year round. Entrance gate hours are 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PARKING

- You must volunteer at least 2 hours of clean-up time in order to receive free parking.

SCHOOL GROUP

- For school groups, we ask that there be 1 adult per 20 students.
- Schools groups do NOT need to provide 2 hours of clean-up time for free parking.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Any celebratory events such as BBQs and bonfires are allowed but must occur AFTER your clean-up.
- If your group would like to have outside food vendors such as a food truck show up or reserve space at a Ramada/picnic area, this will require a Special Event permit. Contact our Special Events office either by phone at: 714-377-9422 or contact Megan Gierhart at Megan.Gierhart@parks.ca.gov.

SAFETY/DEBRIS TALK

- All clean-ups are required to participate in the Safety/Debris Talk.
- Talk last approximately 15-25 minutes at the beginning of your clean-up after which you will begin your clean-up.

VOLUNTEER GROUP SIZE

- We allow clean-ups of all sizes to participate in a beach clean-up. There is no exact minimum or maximum.

CANCELLATIONS

- Groups must inform the state beach if they will not be able to attend the volunteer program at least 2 hours before the program begins.

RESERVATIONS

- To begin the reservation process, you will need to turn in the BEACH CLEAN-UP RESERVATION REQUEST. Without the request no date will be held.
- Contact Elizabeth Bailey for any questions at Elizabeth.Bailey@parks.ca.gov.

To view our beach and any of our guidelines/events, please go to our website www.parks.ca.gov and select “Visit A Park”; choose your park alphabetically or by typing it in the “Select A Specific Park”. Once on Bolsa Chica State Beach or Huntington State Beach web pages, see the BEACH CLEAN-UP information on the right.

Advertisement opportunities are available. For more information and details you may email Noe.Gutierrez@parks.ca.gov. Check us out on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter at [www.Facebook.com/CASStateParksOrangeCoast](https://www.facebook.com/CASStateParksOrangeCoast), [www.Instagram.com/castateparksoc](https://www.instagram.com/castateparksoc) & [https://Twitter.com/CASStateParksOC](https://twitter.com/CASStateParksOC).

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the beach!